



Useful Information

No WALK-IN for Energy Assistance and you must call (478) 207-6380

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) The Department of Human Services (DHS) through Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council (EOC).

Upcoming Events

- **Energy Assistance on January 12, 2016 – Saint Paul AME Church**
Must have time slot for services
- **Connect Conference on January 13 -15, 2016 – Atlanta, Georgia**
- **Energy Assistance on January 20, 2016 – Union Baptist Church**
Must have time slot for services
- **Energy Assistance on January 27, 2016 – Union Baptist Church**
Must have time slot for services
- **Operation Hope Grand Opening coming soon!!**

Visit our new website....

www.maconbibbeoc.com

Thanks to the Middle Georgia Regional Commission for their assistance.

*****Currently hiring for Head Start teachers and substitute teachers**

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Helping People Changing Lives Building Families

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Macon- Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council, Inc. is in the business of "Helping People, Changing Lives, and Building Families." With help from our Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, local businesses, locally elected officials, and friends, we tackle the war on poverty. It is our mission to help improve the quality of life for all families and individuals in Macon-Bibb County.

This newsletter highlights some of the many happenings of your local EOC.

We appreciate everyone that strives to improve the lives of Georgia's most vulnerable children and families. Most of all, we salute those families that work hard each and every day to achieve success.

Jimmie Samuel's Day

Mr. Jimmie Samuel was the longtime Executive Director of Macon Bibb County EOC, Inc. His life's work was centered on providing opportunities for others and as a strong community leader he fervently and passionately advocated for education, human rights and the poor.

We are having a book drive in celebration of his commitment to the community. Please donate educational materials for children ages 0-5 years old in our two drop boxes locations at EOC main office or Macon Bibb Government Center.

Then join us January 26, 2016 at 12 noon for a special program at 1680 Broadway Suite B.



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Minihoops is an enrichment program designed for children ages 3 through 16. MiniHoops is working with Macon Bibb County EOC and the students are loving this program.

Minihoops is a great learning program that will build children's confidence and self-esteem. Through the activities, competitions, and games we play, Minihoops will serve as a catalyst to making friends, strategic thinking, and keeping fit.

Mr. Hammonds is a former professional basketball player that knows the love of basketball gave him many opportunities in life. This compassionate coach takes these life lessons and nurture students with character building, motivation, and mentorship.

For more information, visit their website at minihoops.org.



Mr. Kevin Hammonds

Testimonials

The Department of Human Services (DHS) through Macon-Bibb County Economic Opportunity Council (EOC), Inc. provided HEATING assistance for low income Bibb County residents through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) on December 8, 2015 at the Saint Paul AME Church location.

Macon Bibb EOC in concert with our mission to "Help People, Change Lives and Build Families" integrated a new call in system to better serve our clients. In addition to the new system and outreach strategy we took the opportunity to get real-time feedback from our clients.



Mr. Dennis Williams

"Really appreciate the levels of service I got today. I am a vet and sometimes have to wait for services. I called right in and got my appointment. When I got here this morning, they got me in and out. Just want to say thank you."



Ms. Addie Granville

"I love the new system. I called and got right through. There was no long waiting and I didn't have to stand outside in the weather. I come yearly and hope they keep this telephone system."

We want your feedback and/ or success stories. You might be highlighted in an upcoming EOC NEWS!

Employee Highlight

Ms. Amber Poole is the Director of Business Administration with over 15 years of experience with Macon Bibb County EOC.



Operation Hope – Hope Inside Macon


The Macon Bibb EOC is a new partner of Operation Hope. The mission of Operation HOPE, Inc. (HOPE) is silver rights empowerment, making free enterprise work for everyone. We accomplish this through our work on the ground as the nonprofit private banker for the working poor, the underserved and struggling middle class. We achieve our mission by being the best-in-class provider of financial literacy empowerment for youth, financial capability for communities, and ultimately, financial dignity for all.


The Impact We are Making


2.6 Million
Individuals Served

\$1.8 Billion

Directed more than \$1.8 billion in economic activity into under-served communities since 1992


Since 1992, HOPE has been teaming up with financial institutions, city governments, and community-based organizations to deliver financial literacy education

 **Converting** Check cashing customers into banking customers
Renters into homeowners
Those on poverty rolls to those on payrolls

 **2.7 Million**
Adults educated through empowerment programs

 **896,000**
Youth educated in more than 3,250 schools and community organizations

63,000 South African women and children educated through Banking on Our Future since 2007

87,000 Youth educated in the Middle East since 2012

Visit our www.maconbibbeoc.com for addition information.

Job Training Support

New Class of Personal Care Assistants (PCAs). Pictured **Mr. Carlton Williams** at Alice's Place. New class start March 5th.



Macon-Bibb EOC Head Start/Early Head Start won the Waste Reduction and Recycling award. The annual awards ceremony recognizes outstanding efforts in the areas of Litter Prevention, Waste Reduction & Recycling and Community Improvement.

Homeless Prevention

Transitional Housing - This program is available for eligible homeless families and individuals. Homes are available for extended living situations as families move toward self-sufficiency. For additional questions regarding our Transitional Housing Program, please contact Carlton Williams at (478) 750-8689.